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SUBJ: REACTION TO CLIFFORD MISSION

REF: ATHENS 1756

1. THE CLIFFORD MISSION CONTINUED TO RECEIVE ATTENTION IN THE GREEK MEDIA OVER THE WEEKEND BASED PRIMARILY ON REPORTS FROM NICOSIA. MR. CLIFFORD'S CONTACTS WITH BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS WERE THE BASIS OF MOST OF THE REPORTING, WHICH INCLUDED THE PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE BY HIM AND THE PARTIES CONCERNED. IN LARGE PART, THE MEDIA HAVE ACCENTED THE POSITIVE, EMPHASIZING MR. CLIFFORD'S REMARKS BEFORE HE LEFT CYPRUS THAT A SOLUTION WAS POSSIBLE BY THE END OF 1977. THE COMMUNIST PRESS ON THE OTHER HAND CONTINUED TO REPEAT ITS REFRAIN THAT THE MISSION WAS DESIGNED TO FURTHER U.S.-NATOIST "IMPERIALISTIC" SOLUTIONS.

2. ON THEME RUNNING THROUGH MUCH OF THE REPORTING WAS THAT MR.

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CLIFFORD HAD BEEN WARMLY RECEIVED IN ATHENS AND NICOSIA, WHERE HIS MEETINGS WERE CHARACTERIZED AS "EXCELLENT," IN CONTRAST TO THE COLD WELCOME AND SPIRIT OF "INTRANSIGENCE" WHICH HE WAS SAID TO HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TURKS AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS. ACCORDING TO A NICOSIA REPORT FROM THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY, QUOTING "RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCES," MR. CLIFFORD WAS COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH HIS TALKS IN ATHENS AND

NICOSIA, BUT THE SAME COULD NOT BE SAID FOR HIS TALKS IN ANKARA. IN ANKARA, THIS REPORT CONTINUED, CLIFFORD TRIED TO PERSUADE THE GOT THAT UNLESS IT MADE CONCESSIONS IN THE CYPRUS ISSUE, CONGRESS WOULD BE UNABLE TO RATIFY THE TURKISH DCA. THE TURKISH OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, INSISTED THAT THE TWO QUESTIONS SHOULD NOT BE LINKED.

3. THE PRESS HERE ALSO PICKED UP THE GOC STATEMENT EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS OF THE TALKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. OTHER COMMON ELEMENTS IN THE PRESS WERE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD SOON INVITE ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS TO COME TO WASHINGTON, AND THAT MR. CLIFFORD MIGHT MAKE A RETURN VISIT IN CONNECTION WITH A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. SOME REPORTS NOTED THE FACT-FINDING NATURE OF THE CLIFFORD MISSION AND CAUTIONED THAT IT WOULD BE A WHILE BEFORE A NEW U.S. POLICY BECAME EVIDENT. HOWEVER, PRO-GOVERNMENT ACROPOLIS CLAIMED A NEW U.S. INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS COULD BE EXPECTED WITHIN A MONTH, WHEREAS LEFTIST ELEFTHEROTYPIA SAID THAT BRITAIN AND WEST GERMANY COULD BE EXPECTED TO BECOME ACTIVE IN THE MATTER PRIOR TO THE MARCH 31 INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA.

4. OF THE DISCORDANT REPORTING, LEFTIST TA NEA AND COMMUNIST (KKE-INTERIOR) AVGHI PICKED UP THE NICOSIA AKEL REPORT AND STRESSED THAT THE U.S. WAS PUTTING TREMENDOUS "PRESSURE" ON MAKARIOS TO AGREE TO AN EARLY CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. HOWEVER, AVGHI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT A GOC SPOKESMAN HAD DENIED THIS CHARGE. TA NEA ALSO CLAIMED THAT A U.S. PLAN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TURKISH POSITION, CALLED OWEQBDAGPRATE STATES FOR CYPRUS. COMMUNIST (KKE-EXTERIOR) RIZOSPASTIS DENOUNCED THE CLIFFORD MISSION AS AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. SAMPLE HEADLINES/CAPTIONS FOLLOW:

(A) SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

PRO-GOVERNMENT KATHIMERINI: "MR. CLIFFORD DETECTS POSSIBILITIES FOR SOLUTION DURING THE CURRENT YEAR;" RIZOSPASTIS: "WASHINGTON PRESSES MAKARIOS TO ACCEPT NATOIST SOLUTION ON CYPRUS--DENKTASH INTRANSIGENT--INSISTS ON BIZONAL FEDERATION WITHOUT MAKARIOS;" TA NEA: "THEY FOLLOW THE SAME COURSE WITH THE TURKS--THE U.S. PLAN ABOUT CYPRUS PROVIDES FOR TWO SEPARATE SMALL STATES;" ELEFTHEROTYPIA: "DESPITE TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE THE PROBLEM OF CYPRUS MAY BE SOLVED THIS YEAR--HOPES OF MR. CLIFFORD--CARTER-WALDHEIM DISCUSS CYPRUS."

(B) SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

EXTREME-RIGHT ELEFTHEROS COSMOS: "AFTER THE REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO CARTER -- CLARK CLIFFORD AGAIN TO ATHENS, ANKARA AND NICOSIA -- TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE THE PROBLEM;" ACROPOLIS: MAKARIOS

WILL BE INVITED OFFICIALLY TO WASHINGTON -- THE NEW U.S. INITIATIVE
ON CYPRUS IN ONE MONTH -- CLIFFORD CONCERNED WITH THE IMMOVABLE
STAND OF THE TURKS;"

(C) MONDAY (AFTERNOON), FEBRUARY 29

ELEFTHEROITYPIA: "NICOSIA SPEAKS NOW OF OPENING TOWARDS USA;"
PRO-GOVERNMENT APOGEVMATINI: "CLIFFORD BRIEFS THE ENGLISH;" ULTRA-
CONSERVATIVE ESTIA: "THE GREEK-CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP DISCUSSES
DEVELOPMENTS."
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